GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:382
ANSWERED ON:22.08.2006
BABA SAHEB AMBEDKAR HASTSHILP VIKAS YOJANA
Patle Shri Shishupal Natthu;Verma Shri Ravi Prakash

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Union Government has launched Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana to promote Indian handicrafts by developing artisans clusters into professionally managed and self reliant community enterprise on the principles of effective member participation and mutual cooperation;

(b) If so, the details of financial assistance provided to NGOs, apex societies, Handicrafts Development Corporations, trusts and others under the Yojana during each of the last three years, state-wise;

(c) Whether the Government has any mechanism to check proper utilization of the financial assistance given under the scheme;

(d) If so, whether the Government has come across/received any complaints regarding misutilisation of funds provided under the scheme; and

(e) If so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.382 FOR ANSWER ON 22.08.2006.

(a) : Yes Sir.

(b) : The detail of financial assistance provided to NGOs, apex societies, Handicrafts Development Corporations, trusts and others under the Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana during each of the last three years, state-wise is as per Annexure attached.

(c) : Yes Sir. The monitoring is done through the field offices of the Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts). Any proposal under Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana is considered for sanction only on the recommendations of Screening Committee which includes officers from State Governments. Regular inspection of the ongoing events is made through the field offices and reimbursements are made on receipt of these reports. Systems have also been put in place to identify the deserving NGOs having good track record through grading them on the basis of various parameters.

(d)&(e) : Yes Sir. Nine such instances have been reported. Enquiries have been ordered to establish the facts in all the cases and all financial assistance has been stopped.